

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Stalk Shear	)	
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Docket No.: USPA-0035	)	

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**RESPONSE**

Madam:

This is a response to the Office communication mailed on 01/07/2009. A one-month period was set for response. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time, the fee for which is included herewith. Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.